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Detailed Action

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Angus R. Gill on Aug. 25, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claims 1, 10, 11, 22, 27, 28 and 29 replace the word "generally" with - - generally - - .

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1 – 13, 16 and 18 – 29 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1 and 22 the entire prior-art combination disclosed fails to anticipate or render the claimed limitations of, determining to complete said

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handover, wherein with said completion of said handover traffic communication is maintained via the uplink connection of the digital generally bi-directional communications service, wherein the traffic was communicated, prior to said handover, via the same uplink connection, in combination with all the recited limitations of the disclosed independent claims.

Regarding claims 18, 20, 23 and 24 the entire prior-art combination disclosed fails to anticipate or render the claimed limitations of, determining to complete said handover, wherein with said user apparatus, said handover, wherein, with said completion of said handover traffic communication is maintained via the uplink connection of the cellular mobile data communication domain,, wherein the traffic was communicated, prior to said handover, via the same uplink connection, in combination with all the recited limitations of the disclosed independent claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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